



LEWES ARCHAEOLOGICAL GROUP

Programme of Talks 2024-2025

- Fri 18 October** **The Landscape and Archaeology of the Cuckmere Valley** with **Professor Martin Bell**.
The talk will look at the changing landscape of the Cuckmere valley and consider its implications for future nature conservation and sustainability.
- Fri 15 November** **Middle Bronze Age Metal Work in Sussex** with **Dr Jaime Kaminski**.
This presentation will explore the variety of Middle Bronze Age metalwork from Sussex and compare it with what came before in the Early Bronze Age and what came after in the Late Bronze Age. The talk will focus on artefacts from the so-called 'ornament horizon' which was marked in southern Britain by the deposition of bronze tools and ornaments sometimes inspired by forms current in northern Europe and Scandinavia, as seen in the near Lewes Hoard, which will be used as a case study.
- Fri 17 January** **Selsey, Lewes and the Early Medieval Kingdoms of Sussex** with **Dr Michael Shapland**.
During the centuries after the end of the Roman rule, Sussex was made up of several different kingdoms. This talk will suggest that the western kingdom retained its British identity with Selsey as its royal centre and then apply some of these ideas to the eastern kingdom, centred on Pevensey and Lewes.
- Fri 21 February** **A Tale of Two Cities: Roman Pompeii and Herculaneum** with **Dr David Rudling**.
The destruction of the Roman cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum in the Bay of Naples in AD79 is well known. Although we will review the evidence for such dramatic endings, this talk will concentrate on what we know about the form and functions of these cities and the lives of their inhabitants before the eruption of Mount Vesuvius.
- Fri 21 March** **The Neolithic in Sussex** with **Dr Jon Baczkowski**.
Neolithic people made a significant mark on the landscape of Sussex; they operated major flint mines, built prominent causeway camps on the Downs, such as Offham and Whitehawk, and made barrows for their dead. This talk will explore recent research on the period.
- Fri 25 April** **Breweries, Iron Foundries and Other Aspects of the Industrial History of Lewes c.1700-1914** with **Dr Sue Berry**.
Lewes has a rich industrial heritage, of which quite a lot of evidence still survives. Sue will look at key sectors and why they developed and also the cause of decline, for example of the brewing industry. If there is sufficient interest Sue will organise a guided walk about the town at a future date to explore the remarkable heritage left.

All talks start at 7:30pm in the Lecture Room, Lewes Town Hall, Fisher Street entrance (lift access available). Fisher Street is up the hill (Station Street) from Lewes railway station, just over the crossroads in the centre of town and opposite ASK Italian Restaurant.

Non-members are very welcome at £4/£3 (concessions) payable in cash on the door (includes refreshments). Free entry for those 25 years old or under.